



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DANILO PORRO ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/068,137

Filed: February 6, 2002

For: PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING LACTIC
ACID USING YEAST TRANSFORMED
WITH A GENE ENCODING LACTATE
DEHYDROGENASE

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr

Attorney Docket: 2027.547096/RFE
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2004**

MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8)

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March 3, 2005

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including March 26, 2005, in which to respond to the final Office Action dated November 26, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the process fee of \$120 for a one-month extension of time is included in the enclosed check.

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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymund F. Eich", written over a horizontal line.

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